



# AGENDA

## **Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting Wednesday, 11 June 2025**

**I hereby give notice that a Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting will  
be held on:**

**Date: Wednesday, 11 June 2025**

**Time: 9.30am**

**Location: Makahae Marae  
Te Kahika Road West  
Te Puke**

*Please note that this meeting will be livestreamed and the recording will be publicly available on  
Tauranga City Council's website: [www.tauranga.govt.nz](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz).*

**Marty Grenfell  
Chief Executive**

# Terms of reference - Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group

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## Membership

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<b>Co-chairs</b>	Two members to be appointed as co-chairs. Cr Hautapu Baker; and Darlene Dinsdale – Mokopuna o Tia me Hei, Co-chair representative of iwi/hapū
<b>Tauranga City Council representatives (2)</b>	Cr Hautapu Baker Cr Steve Morris <b>Alternate:</b> Cr Hēmi Rolleston
<b>Western Bay of Plenty District Council representatives (2)</b>	Mayor James Denyer Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour
<b>Iwi/ hapū representatives (4)</b>	Darlene Dinsdale – Mokopuna o Tia me Hei Manu Pene - Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Te Hononga) Maru Tapsell – Te Kapu o Waitaha Helen Biel – Tapuika Iwi Authority
<b>Iwi/hapū representatives (alternates)</b>	Tapuika Iwi Authority Te Kapu o Waitaha Mokopuna o Tia me Hei Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Te Hononga)
<b>Bay of Plenty Regional Council representative (non-voting)</b>	Consents Manager.
<b>Quorum</b>	Two representatives from the consent holders and two representatives from iwi/hapu, including one of the Co-chairs. However, where a major decision is required, the quorum will be one representative from each entity.  The Bay of Plenty Regional Council representative is not counted towards quorum.
<b>Decision-making</b>	By consensus where possible. If consensus cannot be reached, by majority vote.  If there is an equal number of votes, the Co-chair who is chairing the meeting has a casting vote.
<b>Meeting frequency</b>	Four times a year or as required by the group. Meetings to alternate between week and weekend days if possible.
<b>Meeting venue</b>	To alternate between marae and council venues; or as appropriate to a meeting agenda and agreed by the Co-chairs.

## Advisory staff

<b>Tauranga City Council</b>	Chief Executive General Manager: Infrastructure Director: City Waters Manager: Water Services Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement
<b>Western Bay of Plenty District Council</b>	Chief Executive Group Manager: Engineering Utilities Manager
<b>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</b>	Compliance Officer with responsibility for Resource Consent #65637

## Ko te wai te ora o ngā mea katoa

### Background

- The Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) was established by consent conditions to provide advice to Tauranga City Council (TCC) and Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) as the joint consent holders in relation to matters covered under Resource Consent #65637, which authorises the take and use of water from the Waiāri Stream for municipal supply.
- Resource Consent #65637 was granted in 2010; since then there has been significant consolidation of iwi interests in the region.
- Te Kapu o Waitaha (2013) and Tapuika Iwi Authority (2014) have signed historic Treaty Settlements and Te Runanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu (Te Hononga) are still in negotiations.
- Tauranga City Council has active protocol agreements with Waitaha, Tapuika and Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu including addendums that set out items and areas of significance to each entity.
- The treaty settlements, protocols, addendums and any subsequent plans submitted by Waitaha, Tapuika and Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu shall be considered as background and context to the operations of the WKAG.
- Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority was established by the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014 for the purpose of restoration, protection and enhancement of the environmental, cultural and spiritual health and wellbeing of the geographical area of the Kaituna River Catchment. It is a permanent joint committee under the Local Government Act 2002 and co-governance partnership between local authorities and iwi that share an interest in the Kaituna River. Recommendations will be made to Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority where required.

### Role

- To exercise kaitiakitanga in relation to the Waiāri Stream to restore, protect and enhance the awa.
- To provide advice and recommendations to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council, as the joint consent holders, in relation to matters covered under Resource Consent #65637 which authorises the taking of water from the Waiāri Stream for municipal supply.

## Scope

- Provide advice and recommendations to the consent holders relating to projects, action or research designed to restore, protect or enhance the health and well-being of the Waiāri Stream.
- Consider the monitoring requirements and outcomes under conditions 7.1 and 7.2 of the consent. Discuss the results of other monitoring undertaken by the group, which may include monitoring the adverse effects on environmental, heritage, cultural, economic and recreational aspects.
- Determine the actions to be taken in response to monitoring reports and make recommendations to the consent holders as appropriate.
- Provide advice and make recommendations to the consent holders and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council in relation to Part 2 and, in particular, to sections 6(e) and 7(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991, as they relate to this consent.
- Inform the Bay of Plenty Regional Council of the effects of the water take authorised under the consent on the mauri and mauriora of the Waiāri Stream.
- Review and provide feedback to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the Water Conservation Strategy required to be submitted as a condition of the consent.
- Discuss any other relevant matters that may be agreed by the group.
- Work together with the Kaitiaki Group established under Resource Consent RM16-0204-DC.04; which authorises the Western Bay of Plenty District Council to discharge treated wastewater from the Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Waiāri Stream.
- Provide advice and recommendations to the consent holders on the future governance model of the Waiāri Stream.
- Provide recommendations to Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority where required.

## Reporting

- The Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group will report to its member entities key discussion points, outcomes and actions following each formal meeting of the Advisory Group.

## Co-chair selection process

- Co-chairs will be appointed every three years in alignment with the local government election cycle. The appointments will take place as soon as is reasonably practical following local government elections.
- The Co-chair representing the consent holder will be appointed by the Tauranga City Council and Western Bay District Councils.
- The Co-chair representing iwi/hapū will be appointed by the iwi/hapū representatives.

**NB:** *Resource consent condition 10.2 defines the membership of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group.*

*Resource consent condition 10.7 notes that the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group shall cease if all members of the group agree the group is to be disbanded. In such case Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council (as consent holders)<sup>1</sup> shall give written notice of this to the Chief Executive of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.*

*Advice notes from Resource Consent #65637 include:*

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<sup>1</sup> Insertion made for clarity



- (10) *The Kaitiaki Advisory Group may make recommendations to the Regional Council to review conditions of this consent in accordance with condition 11 and s128 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

*For the avoidance of doubt, the Advisory Group is informal in nature and is NOT established as a committee, subcommittee or other subordinate decision-making bodies of Council under clause 30(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and does not have any delegated decision-making powers.*



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### **7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 12 March 2025**

**File Number:** A18280009

**Author:** Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

**Authoriser:** Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 12 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

#### **1. Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 12 March 2025**



# **MINUTES**

**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group  
meeting**

**Wednesday, 12 March 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOM,  
306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025 AT 9.30AM**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms Darlene Dinsdale, (Co Chair) Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Steve Morris, Mr Manu Pene, Cr Rod Taylor, Reuben Frazer, Helen Biel.
- APOLOGIES:** Mayor James Denyer, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour and Ms Helen Biel (lateness)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Wally Potts (Director of City Waters) Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Rodney Clark (Water Treatment Manager), Brad Bellamy (Principal Planner (Structure Planning)), Stacey Mareroa-Roberts (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Jennifer Pearson (Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery), Clare Sullivan (Team Leader: Governance Services), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).
- EXTERNAL:** Chris Nepia, Manager: Kaupapa Maori, Western Bay of Plenty District Council  
Jason Crummer, Senior Recreation Planner, Western Bay of Plenty District Council  
Mokoera Te Amo (Te Kapu o Waitaha), Raponi Wilson

**Timestamps** are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 12 March 2025 at [Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Meeting 12 March 2025](#)

## **1 OPENING KARAKIA**

Mr Chris Nepia opened the meeting with a karakia.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

### **APOLOGY**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/25/1/1**

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker  
Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the apology for absence received from Mayor James Denyer and Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour be accepted.

That the apology for lateness received by Maru Tapsell and Ms Helen Biel be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

### 4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

### 5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

### 6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

### 7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 8 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 11:34

#### 8.1 Appointment of Co-Chair to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group

The Chair opened this item and called for any nominations for the appointment of a co-chair.

##### Key Points

- Cr Morris nominated Cr Baker as Co-Chair for Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group.
- The chair noted that a nomination was received by Mayor James Denyer to to appoint Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour as Co-Chair however, due to their apologies, they were unable to put this forward formally at the meeting. The Chair opened the floor for discussion to take place given the situation.

##### Discussion points raised

- It was noted that Tauranga City Council (TCC) were committed to the partnership with mana whenua around Waiari, whilst extracting water. They also wanted to support mana whenua around Waiari. He acknowledged that although the awa was in the Western Bay of Plenty District Council area, TCC were the consent holder and had invested in the water plant.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/25/1/2

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Appointment of Co-Chair to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group".
- (b) Recommends to Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council that Councillor Hautapu Baker be appointed as the Co-Chair of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group.

**CARRIED**

In Favour: Darlene Dinsdale, Manu Pene, Cr Rod Taylor and Cr Steve Morris.

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Hautapu Baker.

TIMESTAMP: 17:40

## **8.2 Western Bay of Plenty District Council Report March 2025**

**External** Chris Nepia, Manager: Kaupapa Maori, Western Bay of Plenty District Council  
Jason Crummer, Senior Recreation Planner, Western Bay of Plenty District Council

### **Key Points**

- Staff spoke to their report.
- Western Bay staff noted they established an internal working group within Western Bay of Plenty District Council to ensure better communication and efficiency amongst staff.
- Through this working group, staff recognised that the Kaituna Action Plan and the Waiari Cultural Recognition Framework had similarities and staff were working to incorporate these together where possible, to create better efficiency for better outcomes for the communities and the groups.
- Mr Crummer noted that the Waiari Bridge area river access was in the cultural recognition framework. This was noted as a high priority. The next steps were to complete the river access project by next summer.

### **Discussion points raised**

- Councillor Taylor expressed that the project regarding river access at the Waiari Bridge needed to be taken more seriously and expressed concern around safety.

## **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/25/1/3**

Moved: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Western Bay of Plenty District Council Report March 2025".

**CARRIED**

TIMESTAMP: 34:20

## **8.3 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Operations Report**

**Staff** Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Powerpoint Presentation

**Key Points**

- Mr Bahrs spoke to his presentation.
- The Waiari monthly flows on average was above the notification level.
- The biological monitoring was undertaken in February. Discussions had taken place with iwi to align the monitoring with the maramataka (Māori Lunar Calendar). A biological report will be shared at the next Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.

**In response to questions**

- As an overall concept for the water demand, TCC had done a lot of work in terms of demand reducing daily demands on average and peak.
- The Mauri Model was still under development but it was being used to establish trends for the Waiari which could be useful in the future to understand the well-being of the stream.

The Chair acknowledged Mr Luke Whare for his report which was included in the “Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Operations Report” and his contribution to the Biological monitoring.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/25/1/4**

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Mr Maru Tapsell

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Operations Report".
- (b) Provides feedback or comment on report, as needed.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- 1 Operations Report Update WKAG 12 March 2025

TIMESTAMP: 50.40

**8.4 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update March 2025**

**Staff** Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes

Powerpoint Presentation

**Key Points**

- The report was taken as read.
- Mr Hill spoke to his presentation and highlight the following:
  - The seven cultural recognition initiative developed by local iwi and hapu.
  - The funding through Long Term Plan from TCC was \$750,000 over three years.
  - The funding through Western Bay of Plenty District Council's (WBOPDC) Long Term Plan was \$1.1M
  - Six river access points had been identified. The aim was to be able to safely navigate a path from the bridge to the river. This road map was still a work in progress.
  - Water supply to local marae. Due to the structure of the trunk main, it was designed to move water from point a to point b, not to have small pipes leading off from it and feeding smaller areas. This was a work in progress.
  - Staff noted their plan going forward for the Culural Recognition Program.

**In response to questions**

- Mr Fraser noted he would report back to the June 2025 meeting about funding opportunities available to assist with funding the Cultural Recognition Program.
- It was noted that more funding was required for the implementation of the cultural recognition program.
- Staff noted that the revenue gained from water rates was a process that needed to take place outside of this group.

**Discussion points raised**

- It was expressed that Cultural Recognition Initiative 7 – providing water to local marae, was of high importance for tangata whenua. Iwi felt like they had done a lot of ground work before the tap turned on and now that the tap was on and water was being taken from the Waiari, iwi had been put on the back burner.
- An additional resolution was added to reflect discussion regarding a meeting to be held with Executives from the three Councils (TCC, WBOPDC & BOPRC) to discuss the Cultural Recognition Program.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA/25/1/5**

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update March 2025".
- (b) Requests a meeting with Mayors/Chair and Chief Executives from Tauranga City Council, Western bay of Plenty District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council to discuss matters relating to the Cultural Recognition Program.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- 1 Waiari Water Supply Scheme WKAG presentation March 2025

**9 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

The Chair thanked staff and all involved in Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group.

**10 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

**The meeting closed at 11:03am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 11 June 2025.**

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Ms Darlene Dinsdale  
**CHAIR**

## **8      DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

## 9 BUSINESS

### 9.1 Waiari Operational Report 11 June 2025

**File Number:** A18200809

**Author:** Peter Bahrs, **Manager:** Water Services

**Authoriser:** Wally Potts, **Acting General Manager:** Infrastructure

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group of Stream Flows and other Operational Activities

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Operational Report 11 June 2025".
  - (b) Provides feedback or comment on report, as needed.
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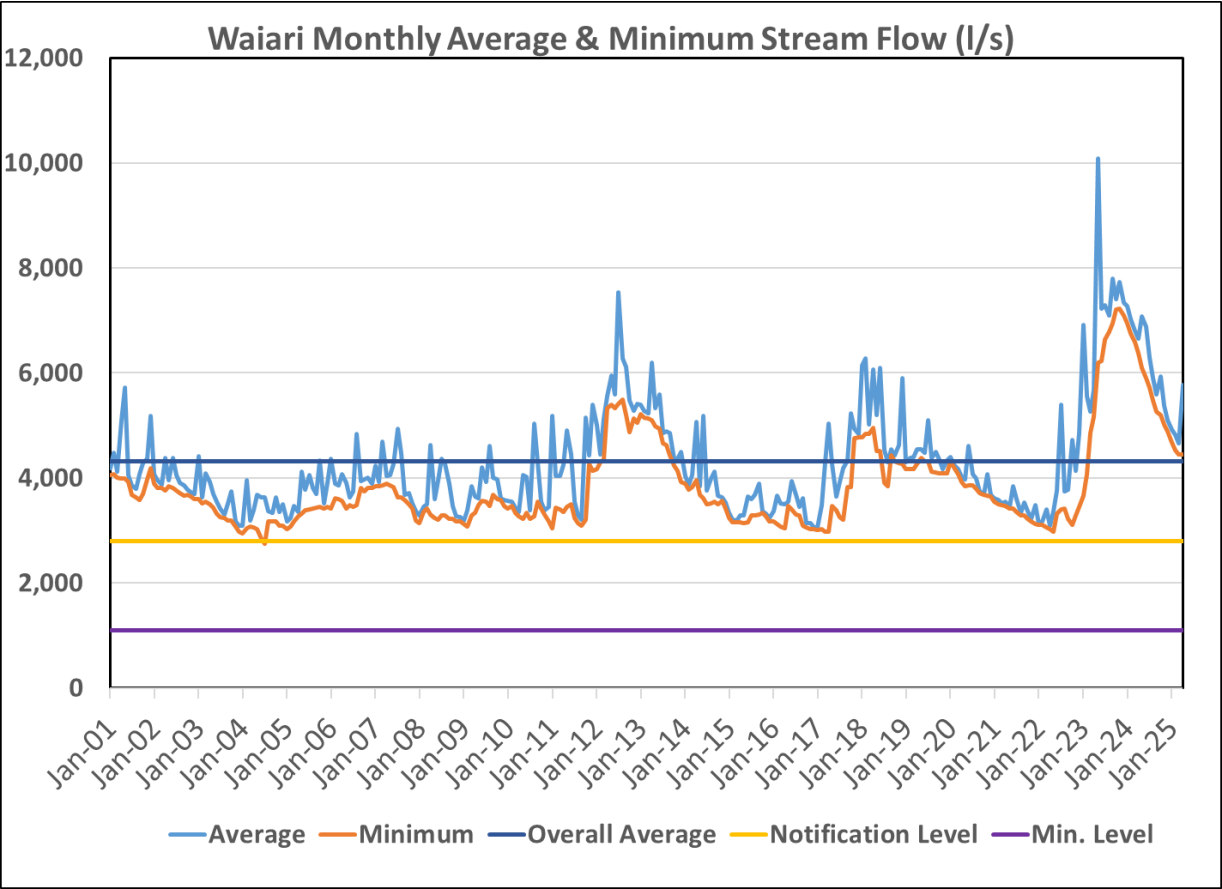
#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Overall, while the Waiāri stream flows have shown a downward trend from December 2023 but the average flows remain at higher levels compared to the longer-term average flows.
3. The biomonitoring survey was undertaken in February 2025 and the draft report was only received late in May. The report will be sent to the WKAG members once finalised and will be reviewed at the next advisory group meeting.

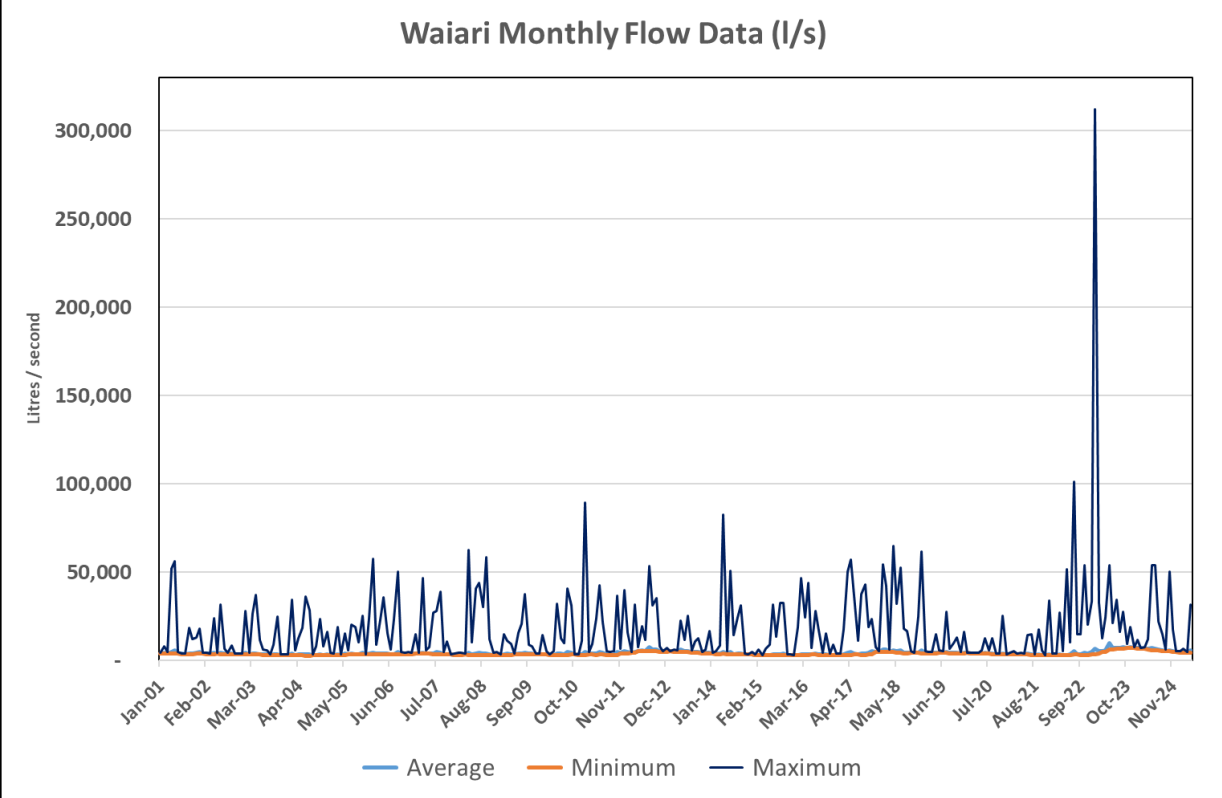
#### WAIĀRI STREAM FLOW DATA

4. The Waiāri stream flow for monthly average and minimum flows from January 2001 to end of April 2025 and is shown in the first graph below. The maximum flows have been omitted to allow better definition of the data.
5. The graph shows that overall, the Waiāri flows remain above the longer-term average flows (4,320 l/s), with an average flow of 5,760 l/s in April 2025. Flows have picked up following above average rainfall in April with the flows increasing from the March average of 4,530 l/s.

Graph of monthly average and minimum Waiāri Flows

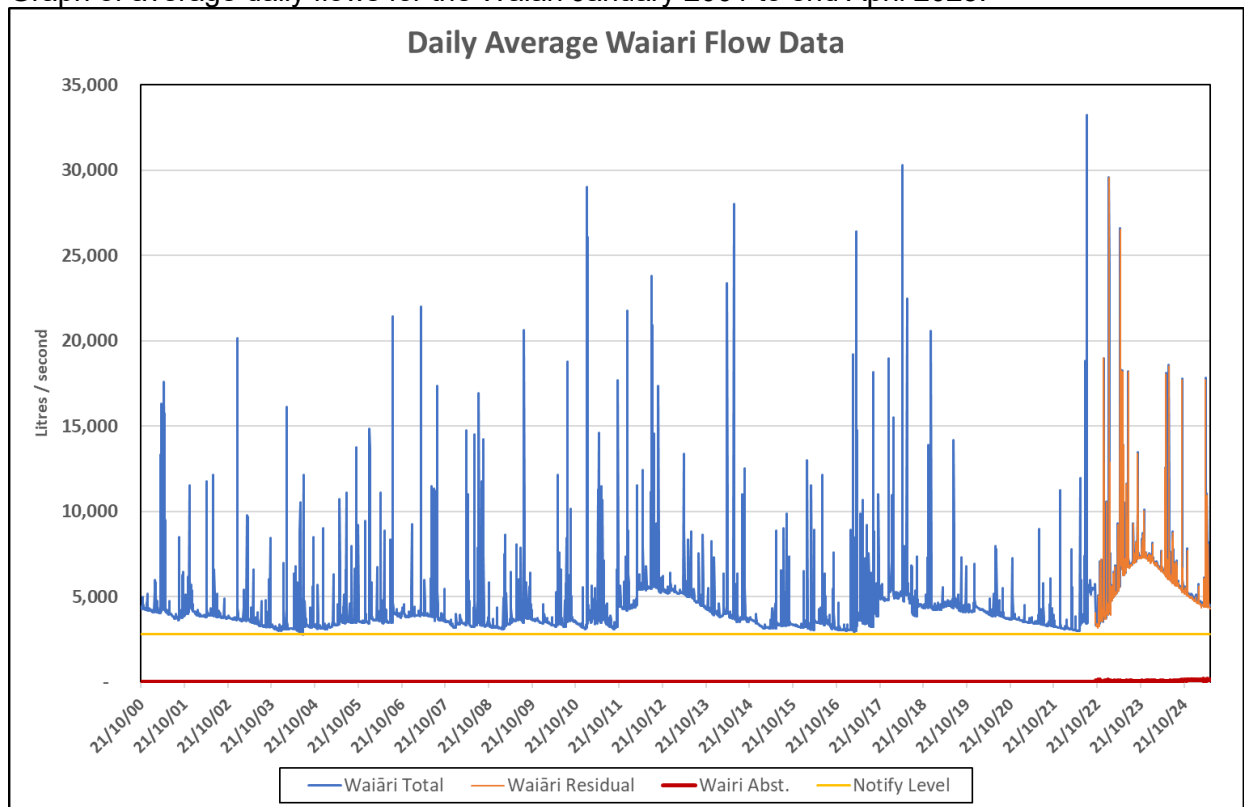


Graph of monthly maximum, average and minimum Waiāri Flows.





Graph of average daily flows for the Waiāri January 2001 to end April 2025.



6. The graph shows total flow for the Waiāri January 2001 to end April 2025 and includes the amounts abstracted and the stream residual flow.
7. The average residual flow for April 2025 was about 5,440 litres per second (l/s) compared to the long-term average of about 4,320 l/s. This is about 26% more than the long-term average. This has however, dropped compared to April 2024 where flows were at about 6,600 l/s.
8. The average abstraction for April 2025 was 125 l/s with a maximum of 178 l/s.
9. The flow in TCC's other two source water streams is showing similar trends.

### WAIĀRI STREAM MONITORING

The annual stream biomonitoring survey was undertaken during the second week of February 2025. and the draft report was only received late in May and some additional items are required in the report prior to it being finalised. The report will be sent to the WKAG members once finalised and will be reviewed at the next advisory group meeting.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## 9.2 Project Update - Waiari Rest Area Restoration

**File Number:** A18279782

**Author:** Anahera Dinsdale, Governance Advisor

**Authoriser:** Clare Sullivan, Team Leader: Governance Services

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff will provide an update to the Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group on the Waiari Rest Area Restoration project

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Project Update - Waiari Rest Area Restoration".

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### ATTACHMENTS

1. WBOPDC update 11 June - Waiari Rest Area Restoration Project - A18279733  
2. Attachment 1 - Waiari river temporary rope handrail - A18279735  
3. Attachment 2 - Waiari bridge area draft concept May 2025 - A18279737  

## **Waiari Rest Area Restoration Project**

### **Project Scope**

This project will deliver a new shared pathway bridge adjacent to the existing Te Puke highway bridge, along with an underpass beneath the highway to link nearby trails. It will also create safe, off-road access to the stream, with potential for future recreational areas where feasible. Interpretive signage, heritage storyboards, and markers acknowledging the area's historical and ongoing significance to local tāngata whenua are essential elements. To support the long-term health of the river, streambank erosion management works will also be undertaken.

### **Delivery Approach**

Western Bay of Plenty District Council has commissioned BTW Company to manage the full delivery of the project. The project is being delivered in stages. In April 2025, a removable rope handrail was installed (**see Attachment 1**) to enable interim stream access. The next stage (June 2025 to March 2026) focuses on finalising a concept plan that outlines the key components of the project, including technical features, landscape integration, erosion management, and cultural values. This stage will be informed by site investigations and feasibility assessments and will include securing the necessary consents and approvals. It will also explore opportunities for future enhancements, such as extended shared paths, additional access points and recreational areas. See **Attachment 2** for the most up to date concept plan for the area.

From mid-2026 through 2027, the project will move into detailed design, building consent, tendering, and construction. Construction will be closely monitored to ensure quality and compliance, culminating in the full delivery of the bridge, underpass, and associated works.

### **Funding**

The current cost estimate for delivering the full project including the bridge, underpass, stream access, erosion management, and cultural elements is approximately \$1.4 million. These figures will continue to be refined through feasibility studies and technical reporting. While \$1.07M of funding allocated through the WBOPDC Long Term Plan 2024-34 provides a critical base, additional funding will be essential to fully realise the project's vision.

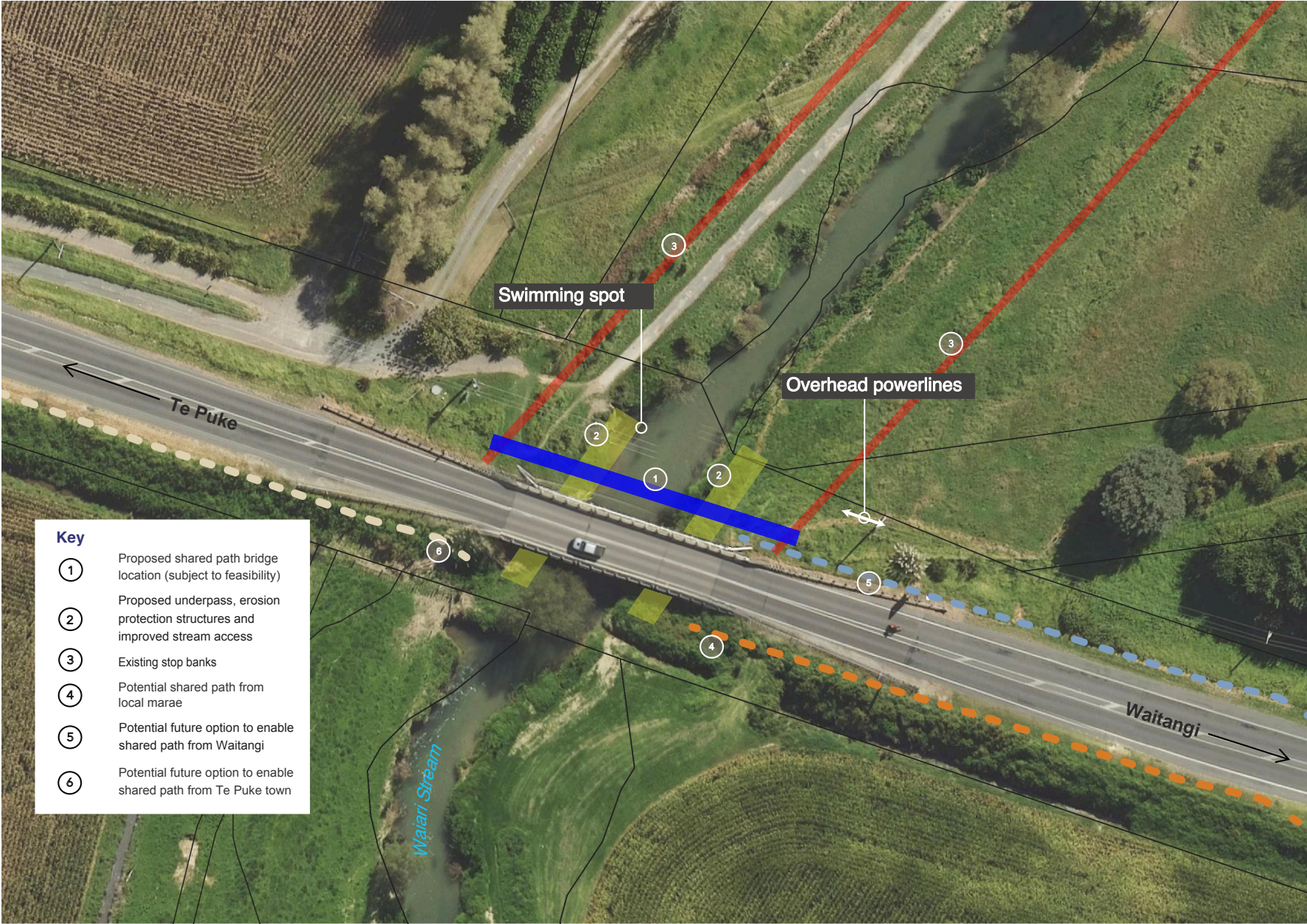
On 29 May 2025, the Te Puke Community Board approved a budget of up to \$300,000 from the Community Board Roding Account as a funding contribution to the Waiāri Bridge Area Restoration Project on the condition that the construction of a shared-use bridge over the Waiari is a priority within the project.

**Next Steps**

The WKAG Operations Group will meet with BTW Company following the WKAG meeting on 11 June. The visit will include a site walk of the Waiari Bridge area, introductions, and kōrero to help establish a positive and productive partnership.









### 9.3 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Cultural Recognition update

**File Number:** A18217664

**Author:** Kelvin Hill, **Manager:** Water Infrastructure Outcomes

**Authoriser:** Wally Potts, **Acting General Manager:** Infrastructure

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide an update on the status of the seven cultural recognition actions, since the last Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) 12 March 2025 at TCC offices.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group Cultural Recognition update June 2025".
- (b) Accepts the revised priority list for Waiari cultural recognition actions.
- (c) Agrees to appoint Toi Takapū to develop the cultural recognition artworks
- (d) Endorses WBOPDC plan for the Waiari Bridge area improvements

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Waiari Ops Group have met and further defined the priority of the cultural recognition actions, with an action plan for the short/medium- and long-term actions for the priority initiatives.
3. Noel Mahia has taken over from Luke Whare as the representative from Waitaha, as Luke has moved into another role in Waitaha. We welcome Noel to his first WKAG meeting.
4. Budget

WBOPDC      \$1.07M funding through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan for the Waiari Bridge Area Restoration Project.

TCC            \$250,000 2024/25 budget  
                  \$250,000 2025/2026 budget  
                  \$250,000 2026/2027 budget

Other sources of funding (externally) will also be investigated for specific projects, eg. Regenerative Programmes.

It should be noted that while the current budgets allow for development of the seven cultural initiatives over the short term, further support funding will be required over the longer-term period.

5. The seven cultural recognition initiatives agreed by the WKAG:

Mauri Model Application	In Progress
Rest Area Restoration (Waiāri Bridge)	WBOPDC Leading
Tohu Māori - Storytelling cultural interpretation options	In Progress
River Access Points	Priority lowered

Regeneration Programmes	Planning underway
Education and Employment Pathways	Longer Term Activity
Waiāri Water Supply for Iwi	Meeting to be set up

The WKAG Ops group held a wānanga at the end of February 2025 to agree priorities of the above seven initiatives in the next 2-3 years. Below are the revised priorities agreed by the WKAG Ops Group and associated action plans. The action plans will be updated each reporting cycle to reflect status. Several of the activities below have blank spaces that will be populated in the coming months as development plans evolve

### Priority after WKAG Ops Group Wananga

- Tohu Māori Storytelling
- Waiari Bridge Restoration
- Regeneration Programmes
- Education and Employment Pathways
- Mauri model
- Access to water
- Rivers access points

Action	Who	When
<b>Tohu Māori Storytelling</b> WKAG Ops Group working with Adrenalin Group who have worked with WBOPDC previously on developing video stories for iwi and Council websites to tell the local stories around the history of the Waiari and its importance to the area.  WKAG Ops Group also working with Toi Takapūu, artist collaboration with Tapuika artists Jo'el Komene, Dean Flavell and Noel McAllister re cultural recognition artwork development. Dean Flavell from Toi Takapūu will deliver a presentation to the WKAG meeting regarding the concept plans for WKAG to endorse.		
Short Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WKAG presentation from Toi Takapūu</li> <li>- Agree process with Toi Takapūu to develop cultural art with iwi and sign contract with TCC for delivery</li> <li>- Agree agreement with Adrenalin Group for video interviews with kaumatua</li> </ul>	Toi Takapūu WKAG members Toi Takapūu TCC WKAG members Adrenalin Group WBOPDC	June 2025     July 2025
Medium Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop full video content for both iwi and community audiences</li> <li>- Develop cultural recognition artwork programme and sign off by WKAG for first artwork feature</li> <li>- First cultural recognition artwork complete</li> </ul>	WKAG members Adrenalin Group  Toi Takapūu WKAG  Toi Takapūu	Early 2026  September 2025  December 2025
Long Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop opportunities for further cultural recognition at other sites along the awa</li> </ul>	Toi Takapūu	March 2026



	WBOPDC/TCC	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Forecast spend 2025</b>	<b>Future Plan</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Toi Takapūu Art Collective to deliver first cultural art feature</li> <li>- Video content for Council websites (awaiting quotation)</li> </ul>	\$60,000 (TCC) \$20,000 (TCC)	\$125,000 (TCC)
<b>Waiari Bridge Restoration (led by WBOPDC)</b> WBOPDC are leading a programme of work to develop a pedestrian bridge across the Stream at the Waiari Bridge and to improve the area.	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Short Term Actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install interim stream access solution from the Waiari Landing Reserve; and</li> <li>- Clean up the site and control pest plants</li> </ul>	WBOPDC	June 2025
<b>Medium Term Actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete the technical design for stream access, erosion mitigation, and an accessible bridge crossing</li> <li>- Complete the landscape design for the Waiari Bridge Area, which will include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Location of cultural and historical elements;</li> <li>o Flood-resilient stream access improvements;</li> <li>o Safe pedestrian connections;</li> <li>o Location of an accessible bridge crossing;</li> <li>o Options for recreation and amenities for visitors to enjoy;</li> <li>o Future long-term developments:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Potential shared path linkages to Te Puke township, Waitangi, and the Kaituna River;</li> <li>▪ Options for safe stream access at the rail bridge; and</li> <li>▪ Potential for car parking near the stream.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Complete the detailed design with consents and approvals obtained</li> </ul>	Scott Parker PM WBOPDC  WKAG/WBOPDC/ TCC	July 2025 – April 2026
<b>Long Term Actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of detail design specifications.</li> </ul>	WBOPDC	May 2026 –

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lodgement of building consent application.</li> <li>- Tender administration; and</li> <li>- Commence construction</li> </ul>		June 2027
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Forecast spend 2025</b>	<b>Future Plan</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short term 2024/25</li> <li>- Medium term</li> <li>- Long term</li> </ul>	\$40,000 WBOPDC	\$260,000 WBOPDC \$772,090 WBOPDC
<b>Regeneration and Riparian Management Programmes</b> WKAG Ops Group members are keen to develop regeneration programmes for the Waiari Stream to continue to improve the quality of the awa and streambank management.	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Short Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting held with BOPRC re potential input</li> <li>- Develop riparian management and funding plan</li> <li>- Identify Phase 1 riparian strip</li> <li>- Identify other partners, including BOPRC</li> </ul>	Iwi/TCC/WBOPDC /BOPRC WKAG	September 2025
Medium Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Riparian management Phase 1 implementation</li> <li>- Monitoring Plan complete and monitoring underway</li> </ul>	Iwi/TCC/WBOPDC/ Other partners	December 2025
Long Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Riparian management Phase 2 implementation</li> </ul>	Iwi/TCC/WBOPDC/ Other partners	2026
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Forecast spend 2025</b>	<b>Future Plan</b>
Development of Regeneration and Riparian Management Plan Environmental Programme Agreements with landowners on the Stream	\$10,000 (TCC) \$20,000 (TCC)	Other funding/ funders to be identified
<b>Education and Employment Pathways</b> This action has been identified as a priority by the WKAG Ops Group, but at this stage time and energy has been associated with other priority actions. We expect to be able to report further on this action at the December WKAG meeting.	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Short Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>		
Medium Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>		

Long Term Actions: -		
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Forecast spend 2025</b>	<b>Future Plan</b>
<b>Mauri Model</b> Next steps to identify key indicators for Tapuika and Waitaha and to develop an Iwi Monitoring Programme	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Short Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up working group with iwi reps to review the current attribute/indicator list and meet to agree priority attributes/indicators and any changes required to current model</li> <li>- Set up SFA with iwi to develop indicator list</li> <li>- Working group report back to WKAG on updated list of attributes/indicators</li> </ul>	Iwi/TCC/BOPRC/ WBOPDC  Iwi/TCC Iwi/TCC/BOPRC/ WBOPDC	June 2025  June 2025 September 2025
Medium Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work with Kepa Morgan to update</li> </ul>		
Long Term Actions:		
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Forecast spend 2025</b>	<b>Future Plan</b>
To be determined		
<b>Access to Waiari Water for Iwi and Marae</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Short Term Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting between Co-Chair WKAG and TCC GM Infrastructure</li> <li>- Meeting between TCC GM and WBOPDC Interim CEO</li> <li>- Key action from this meeting was that WBOPDC to source dedicated Project Manager for the cultural initiatives programme.</li> </ul>	Co-Chair WKAG TCC GM Infrastructure WBOPDC	May 2025 May 2025
Medium Term Actions:		
Long Term Actions:		
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Forecast spend 2025</b>	<b>Future Plan</b>
To be determined		

## KEY MEETINGS HELD

Meeting held between TCC and BOPRC on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 regarding Waiari Riparian planting and regeneration plans. – BOPDC are undertaking meetings and works with landowners along the upper catchment of the Waiari. Meeting held to explore alignment of opportunities across the wider group.

BOPRC will be presenting to KWAG at the next scheduled meeting in September 2025.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

**10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

**11 CLOSING KARAKIA**